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## SONORA SIFTINGS.

A Collection of Happenings in the State  
Over the Line.

Dr. J. S. Bell of Hermosillo is reported very ill.

Last week Mr. E. D. Wheeler returned from Nogales to Minas Prietas.

Mr. Chas. Wadleigh of Minas Prietas, returned last week from a visit in Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Jos. McEnery is again running a locomotive on the Torres & Prietas railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Powell of Minas Prietas, have a fine, new baby boy, about four weeks of age.

A couple of weeks ago Mrs. Ernest Dubois and daughter returned to Hermosillo from a visit in California.

A new Corliss engine has been erected in the Amarillas mill to run the Frue vanners and the electric light plant.

Try SCHLITZ pale beer and you will use none other at your table. For sale by J. T. Brickwood.

The cyanide tanks at La Colorada, to treat the tailings from La Colorada mill have been completed and are now in use.

The new Hermosillo beer is enjoying a tremendous run, and Messrs Schuehle & Grunig cannot supply the demand.

Absolute purity, delicate flavor, are characteristics of SCHLITZ beer. J. T. Brickwood sells it for 10 cents a glass Mexican money.

Messrs Wimple & Wadsworth have been having tests on a large scale made of their ores from their La Dura mine at Matape, with very satisfactory results.

Mr. A. Blester of the firm of C. Ramirez & Co., of Nogales, was at Guaymas several days early in the present week, coming from Nogales Saturday of last week.

Prospectors and others wanting tools, mining supplies, provisions, etc., will find everything in those lines very cheap at the store of F. Von Borstel, Guaymas.

Barney Cohn, the genial landlord of the Grand Hotel at Hermosillo, has gone into the potato business. He sells by sample only, and keeps a fine sample behind the bar all the time.

Monday of the present week Mr. Axel Bulle of the well known Guaymas firm of A. Bulle & Co., went down the coast en route to Alamos and other points on business.

Last week Mr. H. C. Woodard of Chicago, Illinois, one of the owners of the plumbago mine some thirty miles southeast of Torres, came from the east and is now at the station named to attend the annual shipment of the product.

Mr. J. L. Davis of Williams, Arizona, has been visiting Hermosillo and other points of interest in Sonora. Monday of the present week he went out to La Barranca, returning Thursday.

Mrs. Wayne Whitehill of Silver City, New Mexico, who has accompanied his husband in his recent visit to Sonora, has been recently quite ill at La Colorada. She is now entirely recovered however.

Mr. Wm. Overholzer, formerly in the saloon business at Nogales and at Guaymas, came from Chihuahua last week, and on the 13th inst. took the steamer Océzaba en route to Culiacan, Sinaloa where he expects to locate.

The Anglo-Mexican Mining Co., Limited, operating mines at San Jose de Gracia in the state of Sinaloa, has recently completed a sixty ton cyanide plant, which has been working very satisfactorily since the first of July.

Development work on El Tiro mine, in the Altar district, is being vigorously prosecuted. The shaft, which is now down 140 feet, is to be sunk another 100 feet, and the work of sinking will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Last week Mr. Frank Nicholson, superintendent of the Santa Elena mine, was at Hermosillo, bringing in his wife and little girl, who took the train for the east, where they go to visit for some time. Mr. Nicholson returned to Santa Elena.

From Matape comes the information that in the Chiplona mine Messrs J. C. Waterman, F. Divers and Robert Bartlett have in the bottom of their shaft a two and a half foot ledge of \$500 ore which is widening and increasing in richness as they go down.

A new edict has been issued at Hermosillo providing that no water can be added by an individual to the flow of a community ditch unless such addition should be at least 200 inches. This edict is said to be the first step toward regulating irrigation in Sonora.

At the Casita mine Mr. J. H. Brent has recently put up a leaching plant to work about a thousand tons of good ore, of a quality which can be successfully treated by lixiviation, that he had accumulated on the dump. It was started up September 1st and is working well.

Having started the preliminary work on his Las Cruces reduction plant Mr. J. B. Magruder has this week returned to the east for a short business visit. When he comes back to Sonora he will be accompanied by Mrs. Magruder, who will remain through the winter.

Mr. Joseph Marestein has leased the Hotel Central at La Colorada, and has greatly improved and altered both in arrangement and service. Mr. Marestein aims to give the traveling public the best of service, and under his management the house is assured a long career of prosperity.

Last week there started from Hermosillo a prospecting party of four practical men who had just arrived from West Australia and fitted out at the Sonora capital. Their outfit is described as one of the most complete money could buy. Its transportation required a pack train of ten burros.

At Guaymas construction of the new custom house is to be commenced at once. It will cost \$300,000. A contract has also been let for the construction of a new market. The structure will be of stone, glass and iron and will cost \$84,000. A new municipal palace is also to be erected in the near future.

Mr. Wayne Whitehill of Silver City, N. M., is visiting La Colorada and Minas Prietas. In the vicinity he has purchased some 1700 head of cattle for export to the United States. He has not yet decided whether he

will ship them by rail or drive. If he drives them he will cross the line in the vicinity of Bisbee.

Mr. Geo. Quackenbush, many years a locomotive engineer on the Sonora railway, who has been running an engine at the Creston hoist, Minas Prietas, since January 1895, has resigned from the latter employment and returned to the service of the railway company. This week he hauled the pay car over the road.

Mr. F. Von Borstel, the widely known merchant of Guaymas presents in this issue of THE OASIS an advertisement of his extensive establishment—"Merceria Alemana." Mr. Von Borstel carries a large and elegant stock of goods admirably suited to the wants of prospectors, explorers and miners, and his prices are such as to defy competition.

It is stated that Archbishop Lopez has excommunicated from the Catholic church all the Masonic fraternity in Sonora. In El Sol of last Saturday is a very spirited article upon the subject. As the Masonic order in Sonora includes some of the most prominent and influential gentlemen in the state the order of excommunication has caused a decided sensation.

Active work will soon begin on the smelter proposition of J. B. Magruder at Las Cruces about thirty miles up the Sonora river from Hermosillo. By Friday the stacks and all appurtenances will be completed and the fire started. A part of the scheme will be the construction of a railway from Hermosillo to Las Cruces. All the necessary capital is enlisted and it will be built as soon as possible.

Copied from the Bisbee Orb, on October 2d THE OASIS had an item to the effect that the English Cyanide Co., was negotiating with Ricardo Johnson for a low grade gold proposition in the Altar district. It is now stated by good authority that the report published was without foundation. At the time it was copied the item was supposed to refer to the cyanide company operating from Denver.

This week Mr. C. S. Wimple has been into Hermosillo and Torres to attend the shipping to Matape of the pumping machinery and hoist for his La Dura mine. They have a 45 H. P. pump and boilers and a fine hoist, the entire plant being from the best patterns of Fraser & Chalmers. The machinery was transferred from the cars to wagons at La Colorada early in the present week, and by this time is at its destination.

The Sonora railway is now as rapidly as possible carrying out the improvement in the track for which materials have been accumulated. New steel is being laid, the ties turned and new ties put in wherever necessary, and tie plates put between the rails and ties. When completed the new work now being done will make the permanent way of this company equal to that of any railway. Every available man is employed and the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

At Guaymas the extensive mercantile establishment of F. Seldner—Merceria de la Paz—has been removed into new quarters at the corner of Calle del Mule and Avenida X (Pier street and Tenth Avenue). In the present location the great stock car-

ried by this substantial house is displayed to much greater advantage, and the central location makes it far more convenient for patrons of the house. It is close to the Hotel Alameda, and the Hotel Cosmopolita is at an equal distance on the opposite direction.

At the American Bar Room, opposite the railway depot at Guaymas, the proprietor Mr. J. L. Finley, has recently made a number of decided improvements and alterations. A lunch counter has been put in, and a number of adjacent rooms in the building have been fitted up for the service of travelers needing lodgings. Mr. Finley is very attentive to the wants of his patrons, and all wanting a quiet place to stay while in Guaymas will find that he can accommodate them. The street car line will convey guests from his door to any part of the city.

Week before last the boiler of the coal boring machine which the Southern Pacific Co., recently sent to the San Marcial coal field, burst a flue, and the machine has been idle until Monday of this week when another boiler was sent in. It is reported that litigation is arising over contesting claims to the coal fields—the Southern Pacific operating under what is known as the Garcia concession from the state of Sonora, while Mr. Carlos Johnson claims the coal as owner of the land under a grant dating back to 1891.

It is authoritatively stated that in El Jute shaft of La Dura mine at Matape, in the Ures district, Messrs Wimple and Wadsworth have found in the upper workings the rich ledge of ore worked by the early Spanish discoverers of the mine, which the latter lost and then abandoned the mine after a vain attempt to find it. Mr. Joseph Smith, the present superintendent, now finds that in their search for the lost ore the Spaniards ran within two feet of it for a long distance. There are two and a half feet of \$400 rock with a rich streak of ore which is one foot wide and is native silver running over fifty per cent in metal.

### Fine Photographs.

I wish to announce that I have established my photograph gallery in the City Park opposite the Montezuma hotel prepared to do all kinds of photographic work. If you want an "up-to-date" photograph now is your time, remember I will be in Nogales only a short time. Come and see my work.  
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